



PATENT: Mail Stop AF  
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0160-00

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/841,845 ) Examiner: Jamie J. Vent  
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Filed: April 25, 2001 )  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS ) Confirmation No.: 5834  
FOR TRANSMITTING A SIGNAL, )  
METHOD AND APPARATUS )  
FOR RECEIVING A SIGNAL, VBI )  
SIGNAL GENERATING )  
APPARATUS, VIDEO SIGNAL )  
TRANSMITTING APPARATUS, )  
VIDEO SIGNAL PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS, VIDEO SIGNAL )  
RECEIVING APPARATUS, )  
DECODING APPARATUS, AND )  
RECORDING MEDIUM FOR )  
RECORDING A VIDEO SIGNAL )

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31**

Sir:

Applicant appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the  
Examiner's decision mailed July 31, 2006.

The Appeal Fee of \$500.00 is enclosed.

A pre-appeal brief conference is requested. The request and supporting  
documentation are attached.

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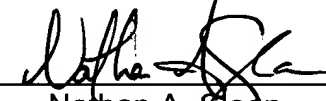
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